

COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

→ I am already on the mailing list.

Which meeting did you attend? La Crescent June 2009

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-057-003

I do not believe the case was made for the need of this project - the judge ruled incorrectly.

I-057-004

I-057-005

I am very concerned about the impact on the environment, especially bird impacts. These lines will leave and the construction will cause unsightly and permanent scars across the bluff country.

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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-057-002

We graze sheep. I am very concerned about stray voltage and EMF on my sheep. I have been in fields under power line where the grass has an electric charge and discharged into grazing animals and anyone walking through the grass in rubber sandals.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-057-001

I am very concerned about the great potential for soil erosion during construction in the bluff country. I have no confidence that the power companies or their construction crews will take adequate measures to control erosion. I have ~~been~~ I have no confidence that USDoT will do an adequate job monitoring ~~the~~ the construction. The construction crews will do ~~not~~ what ever it takes to get the job done and ignore the environmental issues.

I-057-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to geology and soil resources caused by the transmission lines will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the project website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

I-057-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-057-003

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

I-057-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-057-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I have no confidence that the power companies were truthful about the need for this project.

I am sure they will continue to distort the facts & in order to obtain the permits.

I think the power company is lying in order to get the permit. Their denials that this power is not headed to Madison ring hollow.

Please tell us how to reach you.

I am already on the mailing list

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.